

# **Naval Station Ingleside**

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## **USS Shrike welcomes new commanding officer**

Command of coastal mine hunter USS Shrike (MHC 62) changed hands Friday, Aug. 6, when Cmdr. Barry Bakos turned over the helm to Lt. Cmdr. Brian Dulla during a traditional change of command ceremony.

Cmdr. Bakos' next assignment is as chief staff officer of Mine Countermeasures Squadron One located aboard Naval Station Ingleside. While he served as USS Shrike's commanding officer, the ship became the first coastal mine hunter to transit the Panama Canal during the six-month Mine Warfare Readiness Group 4 deployment.

Lt. Cmdr. Dulla's most recent assignment was as an electrical engineering instructor at the United States Naval Academy.

Lt. Cmdr. Dulla is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy where he earned a bachelor of science degree in astronautical engineering. His first assignment was aboard USS Cleveland (LPD 7) where he served as machinery division officer, combat information center officer, and navigator from February 1992 to May 1995.

Following Department Head School, Lt. Cmdr. Dulla served as operations officer aboard USS Comstock (LSD 45) from August 1998 until June 2000. He then transferred to USS Ogden (LPD 5) as operations officer until November 2001. During four deployments he participated in numerous Naval and joint operations to including Operation Restore Hope in Somalia; Operation Secure Hope in Rwanda; Operation Vigilant Warrior in Kuwait; and East Timor, Indonesia.

Ashore, Lt. Cmdr. Dulla earned his master of science degree in applied physics (electro-optics focus) from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. His personal awards include the five Navy Commendation Medals and two Navy Achievement Medals.

USS Shrike is the last ship in the Osprey Class of coastal mine hunters, which are the world's largest glass reinforced plastic ships. Shrike's mission is to clear harbor, coastal, and ocean waters of acoustic, magnetic, pressure and contact-type mines, utilizing reconnaissance, classification, and neutralization tactics. The MHC Class design integrates modern mine countermeasures technology into a uniquely designed platform with exceptionally low magnetic signatures to protect against mine detonations during minehunting operations. The ship is homeported at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.